

Please amend the present application as follows:

Specification

The following is a copy of Applicants' specification that identifies language being added with underlining ("___") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("—"), as is applicable:

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FIG. 1 is a schematic view illustrating an exemplar environment 100 in which the invention preferably resides. As mentioned above, in one embodiment, the innovative system for combining peripheral devices is implemented primarily in software using a computer 202 to which a plurality of peripheral devices is connected. For example, a scanner 102 and a printer 104 can be directly connected to the computer ~~102~~ 202 via connections 106 and 108 respectively. Typically, the scanner ~~106~~ 102 will scan an image, create an electronic representation of the image, and transfer the electronic representation of the image to the computer 202. The computer will store the electronic representation of the image in a suitable image format. Typically, the scanner 102 will include a software component that is loaded onto and executed by the computer 202 to allow the scanner 102 to operate. Similarly, the printer 104 will also include a software component that is installed on and executed by the computer 202 so that the computer 202 can send a file to the printer 104 for printing.